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1. IN SUPPLEMENTING THE INFORMATION TRANSMITTED BY REF-
TEL RE PENDING RECLASSIFICATION OF PREPARED POULTRY
PRODUCTS, WE ARE FORWARDING SUMMARIZED STATIS-
TICS ON U.S. POULTRY MEAT SHIPMENTS TO THE FRG.

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U.S. SHIPMENTS OF FRESH AND FROZEN POULTRY MEAT--TARIFF
POSITION 0202--IN 1977 AMOUNTED TO 3,474 M.T., DOWN
FROM 7,456 M.T. IN 1976. U.S. TURKEY PARTS REPRESENTED
THE BULK OF THESE SHIPMENTS AND DEVELOPED AS FOLLOWS:
2,386 M.T. IN 1977, DOWN FROM 5,707 M.T. IN 1976. THIS
DECLINE IN U.S. SHIPMENTS OF FRESH AND FROZEN POULTRY
MEAT, HOWEVER, WAS OFFSET BY LARGER U.S. SHIPMENTS OF

PREPARED POULTRY MEAT--TARIFF POSITION 1602--WHICH DEVELOPED AS FOLLOWS: 7,088 M.T. IN 1977, UP FROM 1,699 M.T. IN 1976. THIS INCREASE IS LARGELY DUE TO SHIPMENTS OF SEASONED POULTRY MEAT. IN 1977 ABOUT 2,090 M.T. OF THE U.S. PREPARED POULTRY MEAT SHIPMENTS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE COOKED, WHILE THE REMAINING 4,000 M.T. ARE ESTIMATED TO CONSIST OF SEASONED UNCOOKED FROZEN POULTRY MEAT. THE "INCREASE" OF PREPARED POULTRY IN THE FORM OF SEASONED POULTRY MEAT THEREFORE ONLY OUTBALANCES THE DECLINE UNDER THE FRESH AND FROZEN CATEGORY 0202 WHICH IS SUBJECT TO THE UNFAIR AND EXCESSIVE LEVY AND GATE PRICE SYSTEM. TOTAL SHIPMENTS OF U.S. POULTRY MEAT, WHICH INCLUDES FRESH AND FROZEN (0202), POULTRY LIVERS (0203), AND PREPARED POULTRY MEAT (1602), IN 1977 AMOUNTED TO 12,516 M.T., REPRESENTING ONLY A ONE PERCENT INCREASE FROM THE COMPARABLE 11,238 M.T. SHIPPED IN 1976.

2. COMPARABLE DATA FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1978, FIRST QUARTER OF 1977 IN PARENTHESES, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

U.S. SHIPMENTS OF FRESH AND FROZEN POULTRY MEAT 547 M.T. (1,430 M.T.) OF WHICH TURKEY PARTS 353 M.T. (1,217); U.S. SHIPMENTS OF ALL PREPARED POULTRY MEAT 1,893 M.T. (574). TOTAL SHIPMENTS OF U.S. POULTRY MEAT INCLUDING ALL FRESH OR FROZEN POULTRY LIVERS AND PREPARED POULTRY UNCLASSIFIED

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MEAT 3,100 M.T. (2,490).

3. CONCLUSIONS AND COMMENTS: THE NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN U.S. PREPARED POULTRY MEAT SHIPMENTS TO THE FRG DURING 1977 IN AS FAR AS IT STEMS FROM SEASONED POULTRY IS FULLY OUTBALANCED BY A DECLINE IN U.S. SHIPMENTS OF FRESH AND FROZEN POULTRY. ANY POSSIBLE EC CLAIM THAT INCREASED IMPORTS OF PREPARED SHIPMENTS OF POULTRY MEAT FROM THE U.S. DISRUPTED THE GERMAN MARKET FOR TURKEY MEAT PRODUCTS CAN BE REJECTED. DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF TURKEY MEAT DURING 1977 INCREASED ABOUT 18 PERCENT; A FURTHER 12 PERCENT INCREASE IS FORECASTED FOR 1978. TOTAL DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION OF TURKEY MEAT DURING 1977 EXCEEDED 73,000 M.T. THE U.S. SUPPLIED ONLY ABOUT 13 PERCENT OF THIS TOTAL.

THE INCREASE IN U.S. SHIPMENTS OF PREPARED POULTRY MEAT AS WELL AS TOTAL POULTRY MEAT DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1978 COMPARED TO THE RESPECTIVE DATA IN 1977 IS ONLY DUE TO THE EXTREMELY LOW U.S. SHIPMENTS DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1977 AND CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AS AN INDICATOR FOR THE POSSIBLE RATE OF INCREASE OF U.S. POULTRY MEAT

SHIPMENTS DURING 1978.

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